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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

March 10, 2009

In the interest of expanding and facilitating public access to County services and bringing local government into the communities of Los Angeles County, I would like to evaluate the feasibility and potential cost of developing up to four Constituent Service Centers in geographically dispersed locations throughout the Second District.

This initiative is consistent with the CEO's strategic objective to create "Civic Centers" in unincorporated areas of the County, and to reduce costs by co-locating county facilities where feasible. This initiative also follows on the successful examples of the County's "one stop" service centers in Calabasas and East Los Angeles.

The first Second District Constituent Service Center opportunity to be examined shall be in the community of Lennox. Other possible locations in the Second District shall be identified and examined as well. One ideal location for a Constituent Service Center in Lennox is on the county-owned property at the intersection of Lennox and Hawthorne Boulevards.

On June 16, 2008, this Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute a funding agreement with the Community Development Commission (CDC) for the planning and minor renovation activities associated with the Lennox Library Refurbishment Project (Project).

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Since the Lennox Library is located at one of the sites I am considering for a Constituent Service Center, I would like to stop the Project until my office has the opportunity to work with the Lennox Community and County staff to evaluate a comprehensive Constituent Service Center concept for Lennox. I have been advised by the CDC that of the \$1,121,740 transferred to the CDC for the Project, \$46,760 has been authorized for architectural fees, environmental services and other start up costs; and \$1,074,980 is unexpended.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Work with the Community Development Commission to immediately suspend work on the Lennox Refurbishment Project, and take appropriate action to return all unexpended Lennox Library Refurbishment funds to the Capital Projects Budget - Capital Project No. 86910 - 2nd District Community Building, excluding the funds previously allocated for the Civic art component of the project; and
2. Work with my office to evaluate the feasibility and cost of developing Constituent Service Centers within the Second District, starting with the county-owned site in Lennox at Lennox and Hawthorne Boulevards.

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